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* Mouse spiders lunge at prey as it passes the entrance to their burrow
* There are 11 known species
* Female Mouse spiders rarely leave their burrows

Mouse Spiders mostly eat insects but will sometimes eat wasps scorpions bandicoots and centipedes

The Mouse spider is found widespread across mainland Australia.

Mouse spider

Female mouse spiders grow to three centimetres long. males grow to 2 cm long.

The mouse spider is known to cause severe illness, especially to young children - similar to Red-Back Spider. Although normally not aggressive, the male mouse spider will bite if annoyed and should be considered dangerous to humans. It has large hard fangs which can cause a deep painful bite.

The mouse spider can be a pest to peopleIt is very easy to get rid of Mouse Spiders by catching them yourself and realising them somewhere else.